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SUBJECT: AID TO CAMBODIA AND NEED TO KEEP MEKONG OPEN

REF: (A) STATE 014709

(B) STATE 015832

1. IN LINE WITH INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH REF A, I ASSURED PRESIDENT LON NOL THAT OMISSION OF ANY REFERENCE TO AID TO CAMBODIA BY PRESIDENT FORD IN LATTER'S JANUARY 21 PRESS CONFERENCE DID NOT MEAN THAT EXECUTIVE BRANCH IS NOT THINKING ABOUT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR KHMER REPUBLIC. SINCE I WAS UNABLE TO SEE LON NOL ON JAN 22, I SENT HIM BRIEF LETTER IN FRENCH IN WHICH I ALLAYED FEARS HE MIGHT HAVE OVER FACT THAT CAMBODIA WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED AT PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE. IN THE LETTER I EXPLAINED THAT ADMINISTRATION INTENDS ASK CONGRESS TO LIFT TOTAL AID CEILING ON CAMBODIA AND ALSO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL MAP FUNDS OF 222 MILLION DOLLARS. I SENT COPY OF THIS LETTER MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL" ALSO TO LONG BORET.

2. IN ORDER TO PUT ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON KHMER EFFORTS TO KEEP MEKONG OPEN TO RESUPPLY, I ADDED SENTENCE IN MY LETTER TO THE EFFECT THAT "IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE EFFORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO OBTAIN SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FROM CONGRESS WOULD BE FACILITATED IF THIS AID

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CAN BE BROUGHT TO PHNOM PENH BY RIVER. IT IS THEREFORE

MORE ESSENTIAL THAN EVER THAT THE MEKONG REMAIN OPEN TO NAVIGATION." IN THIS WAY I IMPARTED TO LON NOL WHAT GENERAL PALMER AND I HAVE BEEN SAYING TO THE KHMER MILITARY WITH CONVICTION AND PERSUASION (PP 1279) THAT FANK MUST DO ALL IT CAN TO KEEP MEKONG OPEN TO CONVOYS BECAUSE VERY EXISTENCE OF GKR MAY DEPEND ON IT.

2. WE ARE THEREFORE ON SAME WAVE LENGTH WITH WASHINGTON (REF B) RE IMPORTANCE OF MEKONG SHIPPING TO SURVIVAL OF GKR AND CONVEYING US AID TO PHNOM PENH. I WILL ALSO STRESS THIS POINT AGAIN AT THIS AFTERNOON'S IN-HOUSE RESUPPLY MEETING WITH GENL HUNT AND EXPERTS FROM SAIGON, WHO ALL AGREE THAT MEKONG TRAFFIC MUST HAVE HIGHEST PRIORITY.
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